

Claims 1-22 are present in the above-captioned application and have been subjected to restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121. Specifically, the Official Action avers that the following patently distinct species are present in the claims:

- A) A liquid crystal display (LCD) device in which a light shielding portion is formed above a thin film transistor (TFT) and a pixel electrode is formed over a common electrode (Fig. 1A).
- B) An LCD having no light shielding portion over the TFT and a common electrode forming [*sic*, formed] over a pixel electrode (Fig. 5B).

It is the Examiner's position that the inventions listed as Species A and B are distinct from each other.

In response to the Examiner's requirement for restriction, Applicants provisionally elect with traverse to prosecute the subject matter of Species A for continued prosecution herein. Claims 1-4, 6-13, 15, 16, and 18-22, read on Species A, as it is defined. However, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 4, 10, 11, 15, 16 and 18-22 are generic to both species. Applicants reserve the right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims in this application.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.143, Applicants hereby traverse the Examiner's requirement for restriction and request reconsideration thereof in view of the following remarks.